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To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support of HB 61
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My name is Donna Anthony, and I am born and raised Alaskan. (51 years)

I am calling to support House Bill 61 for many reasons.

The second amendment right to bear arms is important to millions of Americans and is fundamental to Alaskans.

Article 1 section 19 in Alaska Constitution says, “the individual right to keep and bear arms SHALL not be denied or infringed by the State or the political subdivision of the State.”

I am an owner of a firearms company and I have worked in law-enforcement for many years. I am currently back in law enforcement. Each time I have taken an oath to uphold the United States Constitution, and I will not violate anyone’s Rights, even during a disaster. None of my officers will.

During a disaster law-enforcement cannot be there to help everyone. We have under 900 officers in this state. We have logistical issues on how to respond to an emergency or disaster in remote areas.

What you need to know is during COVID-19. We were shorthanded with law-enforcement and dispatchers. Many were out with COVID19 and agencies we were barely responding to calls. Law enforcement agencies were helping one another the best that they could. The community had no idea that law enforcement was so shorthanded during this event.

Civilians are their own “first responders They have the right to protect themselves and their families.

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I urge you to pass this bill. Confiscating firearms from law by the citizens, during a disaster, is very dangerous and unconstitutional.

Thank you for your time,

Sent via iPhone
Respectfully,

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